

JUNE 2021

# ALBERTA ELKS NEWS

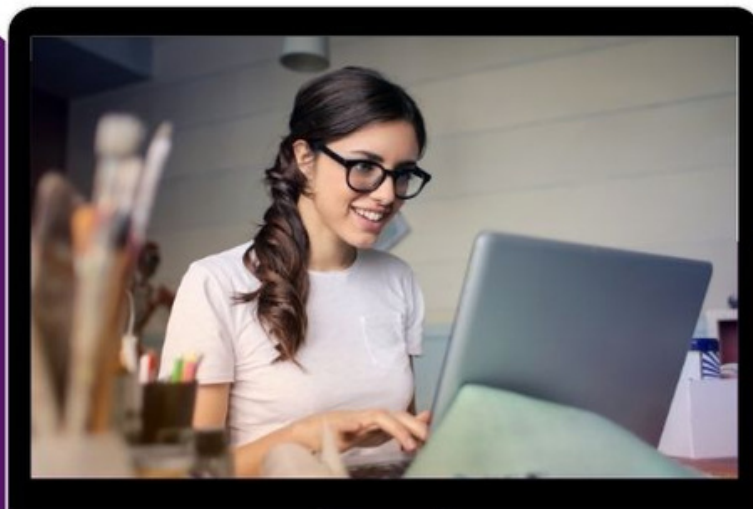
## ALBERTA ELKS WHAT THE ZOOM... VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**Saturday June 26 | 8.30 AM**

Suggested Registering by June 15

Registration fee is \$5.00

**Registration required to vote,  
ONLY ONE VOTE PER DEVICE**



Register by emailing  
[elks.secretary@abelks.org](mailto:elks.secretary@abelks.org)

HELP BRING JOY TO KIDS IN NEED

# 3RD ANNUAL ALBERTA ELKS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TOY DRIVE

We are thrilled to announce our 3rd annual children's hospital TOY DRIVE. We welcome cash donations, the Communications Committee will take care of the shopping! Donations are split between the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Edmonton Stollery Children's Hospital

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:  
ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION

BOX 445,  
BENTLEY AB  
T0C 0J0

E-MAIL: [ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG](mailto:ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG)



# Conference Meet 'n Greet Night

Join us Friday night before conference for our ZOOM Meet 'n Greet night. Catch up with some old friends, and meet new ones. Executive members will be hosting chat rooms so you can visit with executive members in a smaller group!

**JUNE 25, 2021  
7:00P.M.**

REGISTER AT [ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG](mailto:ELKS.SECRETARY@ABELKS.ORG)

## Alberta Elks Fireside Chat June 9 7:00

Recently the Grand Lodge distributed the Report to the Membership on Planning for the Future. The Report covered background, consultation, findings, recommendation in Part A and "A Path Forward" in Part B. It is a LOT of information and I've heard many express that they aren't quite clear about the Path Forward and have some questions about the Report. Join GER Derek Barkley along with Brothers Dave Hurley and Don Gillis (Committee Co-Chairs) to join us for a ZOOM Fireside meeting on June 9th at 7:00 pm. Register through the Association office.



# TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

ALBERTA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



# President's Message



Friends...

Last year...2020...the year that wasn't...we tried desperately to hold a Conference, but alas, we were forced to cancel. In anticipation and with hope we planned Conference 2021 to be in Brooks Alberta. Well, as we face further challenges with face-to-face gatherings, we must find a way to meet to do the work that must be done. Meeting by ZOOM, while it is very 'easy' is not what we'd hoped for. However, it is the only option open to us.

Disappointment after disappointment can lead us down the path of lethargy and hopelessness. BUT WE ARE ELKS PROUD...we must not falter in our duties and commitment to our brothers and sisters and our communities. So this is my PLEA....PLEASE REGISTER and attend Conference!

Here's the layout:

1. You have received an email invitation to attend Conference. Upon receipt, our secretary will register you and add your name to the list for invoicing your Lodge for registration fee of \$5.00 per person. All of those funds will be donated to the Toy Drive for the two Children's hospitals in Alberta.
2. The Secretary will forward an email "LINK" to join the Conference which is on Saturday, June 26, 2021.
3. The Association will host a ZOOM orientation (how to use ZOOM) and a virtual "Meet & Greet" on FRIDAY, JUNE 25. An invitation to join will be sent to all members and Lodges with registered email addresses on file. So, c'mon....give it a try!

As we enter the month of June, more information will be forwarded. It is the hope of the Executive that we can distribute as much information in advance so that everyone attending will feel fully informed and ready to assist the Association and Foundation with informed assistance and direction.

On another note, the Grand Lodge has released its Strategic Planning Committee Report. There is a lot of information in that report and some recommendations. Out of the Report there will be Resolutions brought to Convention. As we will not be meeting in person, the Alberta Association believes that it may be useful to any questions answered and some discussions about the Report. On June 9th at 7:00 pm. Brother Dave Hurley and Brother Don Gillis will attend a Fireside Zoom meeting as the Co-Chairs of the Committee. Shortly, Lynda will send out invitations to anyone who wishes to come to that ZOOM meeting...So take a read of the Report and let's talk. If you have questions you want answered, you can also email them directly to me (sourdough@klondiker.com) and I can pass them on to the Committee.

Stay well...we shall meet soon!

Barbara Evan



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# Elks Proud

## Breton Elks Spreading Community Joy



Who doesn't like tea, coffee and cookies served to them in the middle of the afternoon? A simple program that is very appreciated by the residents at the Breton Extended Care. Judy Miller, Therapy Assistant accepts our \$400.00 cheque to assist with the hydration cart program.

## SHOUT OUT to the Wainwright Royal Purple #92,



We donated \$5000.00 to the Wainwright Elks after we all pitched in to clean up the ditches along 1st Avenue last week. These funds help them keep the hall in perfect shape for when it's safe to resume public gatherings.

## THANK YOU

Trenville RP Elks #248 would like to thank Red Deer Elks Lodge for providing the space for the Gowns for Grad. Also to be thanked are members from Trochu Elks and Trenville Elks who helped with set up and take down.

We held a very successful program and gave away 98 dresses and 2 suits.

Thanks from the Trenville RP Elks #248

## Elks Trivia

1. What year did the AB Elks Foundation adopt IStar as a provincial project?
2. Which Elks members presented the idea of IStar to the members at conference?
3. Come September how old is the Elks of Canada?
4. When was the last time in history the Edmonton Elks played as the Edmonton Elks?
5. Which Past Provincial Present had the theme "Achievement Through Education"?

Answers  
(1) 1985 (2) Bob Manning & Don Fowler (3) 109  
(4) 1922 (5) Jim McLeod





# *Elks Proud*

## Hanna Elks Highway Clean up



On May 1st, Hanna Elks Lodge gathered up some volunteers, and did highway clean up on one of our local roadways. We were assigned Highway 36, 30kms heading south starting at the Highway 9 Junction. We gathered at 8am, and went hard until around 2pm I believe is when we finished up. This helped raise \$3000 + whatever bottles were collected (right now I think we are sitting at around \$300 for those) for our lodge to go towards our community projects we help fund. It was a great day, although a bit windy, to help clean our community, better our planet, and see some of our fellow members in person.



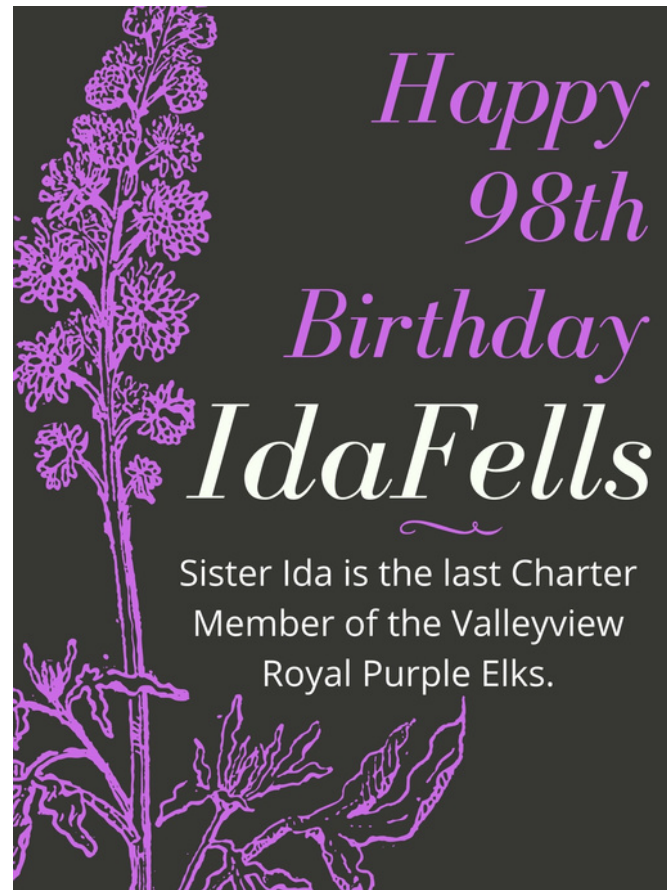
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like to thank

**BROTHER  
BRAD  
BIETTE**

Thank you for serving as  
District Deputy of District 13  
for the last three years. Your  
dedication to the district was  
outstanding and your hard work  
did not go unnoticed.

Thanks Brad!

From  
The Members and Lodges of  
District 13



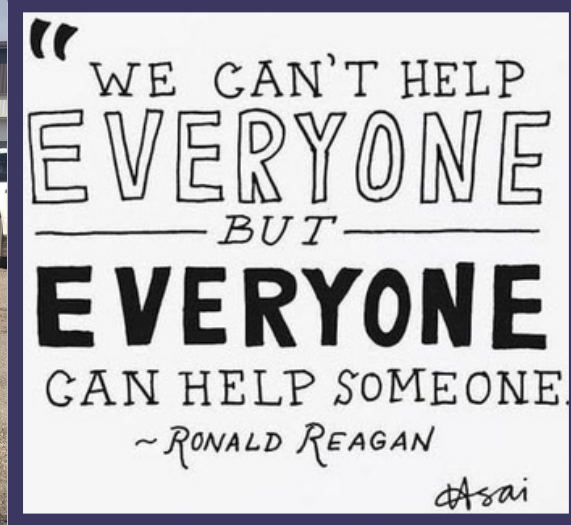
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# Foundation News



Amanda Caouette, Fire Victim  
receiving her \$500.00 cheque from  
the Alberta Elks Foundation,  
presented by High Prairie Royal  
Purple Elks #59



Kevin & Amanda Backs, Fire  
Victims \$500.00 cheque from  
Alberta Elks Foundation, present  
by  
High Prairie Royal Purple Elks #59



The Alberta Elks  
Association is  
seeking HOSTS  
for this year's  
Annual Walk for  
Children!



Sign Up to Host a  
VIRTUAL WALK!

Contact:  
Sister Diane Wilson  
780-514-4273



AS PER AGLC GUIDELINES;  
THE 52ND ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION  
RAFFLE DRAW

**HAS BEEN MOVED  
TO DIDSBURY  
ELKS LODGE**

**FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 5, 2021**

RAFFLE LICENSE #564076

[HTTPS://ELKSOFALBERTA.CA/INFO/RAFFLE-  
INFORMATION/](https://elkssofarberta.ca/info/raffle-information/)

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## National Online Convention

# July 24th & 25th

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 ELKS OF CANADA ONLINE CONVENTION!

This year, we're opening up the opportunity for as many members who may wish to have a say in the future of the Elks of Canada to join us via Zoom Video Conferencing for our National Convention. We're running this year's condensed Convention on July 24th and 25th, and we'll even have some time to socialize and connect with members across Canada on the evening of the 24th!

Conference registration is a minimum donation of \$25.00 to your national Charity – the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. Your donation will get you access to the sessions and the social event, as well as an electronic version of the Sessions booklet. You may also purchase a paper booklet for an additional \$10.00 if you wish.

Only members of the Elks of Canada in good standing will be allowed to attend the Convention and have voting privileges.

To register for our National Convention, please register on-line at:  
<https://www.elksofcanada.ca/nationalconvention>

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